THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Doordarshan introduced satellite regional language service in the following languages from 1.10.1993— Assamese & North Eaastern Language Bangla, Gujarati, Kannada, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Tamil and Telugu, on its existing four satellite channels.

(c) and (d) The programmes of the above service are available terrestrially only in Delhi through the use of a low cost UHF antenna. The programmes can be received in other parts of the country through the use of an appropriate dish antenna.

Regional news telecast by Doordarshan

540. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Regional News Telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Lucknow, during the Assembly elections, adequate coverage was not given to the campaign of the recognised political parties of the State; and

(b) what is the total time given to each of the recognised political parties and other registered parties since the date of announcement of the elections till the date of final polling, in the Regional News Telecast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The information is given in the attached Statement.

Statement

Details of time given to recognised/Registered political parties in regional news telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Lucknow since the date of announcement of the election till the date of final polling

S. No.	Name of Party	Time Given (in Seconds)
1	Congress (I)	160
2	Bhartiya Janta Party	140
3	Janta Dal	160
4	CPI	50
5	CPM	25
6	Janta Party	130
7	S. J. P.	40
8	Samajwadi Party	115
9	Panthers Party	90
10	Shiv Sena	30
11	Socialist Party	73
12	Shoshit Samaj Dal	43
13	Lok Dal	15
14	Doordarshi Party	66
15	Republican Party	76
16	Indian Peoples Front	35